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SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Rent Reduction Act is not being implemented properly in subsequent (darimila) inam villages and under-tenures? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " When there is no ryoti land in a village, the Rent Reduction Act cannot be applied."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, may I know the category under which the lands in that village come? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The whole village is an inam village or agraharamdar inam."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" If it is a whole inam village, may I know why the Rent Reduction Act will not apply? " 11-15 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have repeatedly stated that there is no ryoti land in that village."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know whether in the subsequent inam villages which form part of the estates, the Rent Reduction Act applies or not? Especially in the subsequent inam villages in Vizianagaram Estate, is the Act being implemented? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is labouring under a misapprehension. In a village where there is no ryoti land, there is no question of the application of the Rent Reduction Act."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" What is the maximum extent of home-farm lands with the zamindars? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It varies according to the position of the zamindars."

State-aid given to tanning societies.

*84 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state the amount of state-aid given during 1951–52 to tanning societies—

(1) under the State Aid to Industries Act;

(2) from the Harijan Welfare Fund; and

(3) the number of such societies run by Harijans during the year 1951–52?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (1) & (2) Nil.

" (3) Two societies, viz.—

(i) the Peruru Hides and Leather Manufacturers' Co-operative Society, East Godavari district; and (ii) the Peddapappur Leather Workers' Co-operative Society, Anantapur district, were run by Harijans as well as other Scheduled Castes like Madigas during the year 1951–52."

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SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government have implemented the recommendations of the Harijan Welfare Committee to set apart 10 lakhs of rupees for co-operative industries including the leather co-operative societies? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The Government are still considering the question."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" In view of the fact that many proprietors of tanning works are closing down the tanneries, will the Government take steps to encourage more and more tanning co-operative societies to be opened for the maintenance of labourers that are rendered totally unemployed in this State? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The Government set apart last year a sum of Rs. 45,000 to be given by way of subsidy to co-operative societies, which were started mainly to encourage cottage industries and this year also the Government have set apart a certain sum to be given to them by way of loan."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Have the Government requested either the Registrar of Co-operative Societies or any technical experts to draw up plans for the implementation of the recommendations of the Harijan Welfare Committee to start leather co-operative societies? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The Government have already issued instructions to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to start such societies."

SRI LAKSHMI NARAYANA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are prepared to give Tangedu bark contract to the Harijan Co-operative Societies without public sale for average cost? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" We have already been giving it, Sir."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" May I know whether the tanning societies are provided with any aid of technical people? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Notice."

SRI P. RANGA REDDI :—" In view of the fact that there are only two societies in existence now, will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state what steps he proposes to take to encourage leather co-operative societies? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Instructions have been issued, I have already stated, to the Registrar to start more societies of this kind."

SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—" Will the Government be pleased to recommend to the Central Government the stoppage of export of raw hides to foreign countries? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I will certainly consider the hon. Member's suggestion."

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SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" As most of the tanneries are being closed down, will the Government extend this help to these labourers who want to start tanneries on a co-operative basis? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Certainly, Sir."

Revision of the present electoral rolls.

* 85 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government propose to revise or renew the present electoral rolls before the elections to local boards are held?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It is not proposed to revise the State Assembly electoral rolls (relevant portions of which are to be used for Panchayat elections) before the ensuing elections to Panchayats. The question as to when the elections to district boards will be held is still under consideration."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the present electoral rolls were prepared in 1948 and the revision so far made is inadequate, are the Government aware that many citizens have been left out, including persons who have come of age, that is, who have attained the age of 21? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Assembly rolls were prepared only recently and the elections to panchayats have already been ordered."

SRI B. SANKARAYYA :—" జరగబోయే స్థానికసంస్థల ఎన్నికలు రహస్య ఓటింగు పద్ధతిని జనరల్ ఎలెక్షనులలోవలె జరుపుతారో లేదో మంత్రిగారు తెలుపుతారా ? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Election to class I panchayats will be by secret ballot and election to class II panchayats will be by show of hands, i.e., open voting."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Are the Government aware of the statement made by the Law Minister to the Government of India that a detailed revision would also be undertaken in special areas, viz., urban areas and areas where there is floating labour population or where non-rehabilitated displaced persons are concentrated? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" With regard to the revision of electoral rolls now, detailed revision has been confined only to 31 urban areas called bigger towns or cities. In the other areas, it is only ordinary revision and not detailed. As far as the revision of rolls is concerned, a question may be addressed to me when I will be able to give detailed answer on this subject."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" May I know when elections to district boards are due to be held? "